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AUTUMN.

High over the valley the white clouds lay flying,
The sunset of the west was red as the blood,
As mournful it sweeps through the wild forest sighing,
"Cold winter is coming, the wind tells me true."

The whirlwind is drifting the leaves on the mountain,
The field flowers droop to the white frost a prey;
No longer the herb leaves have the green of the summer,
With the first bitter blast rode the conqueror away.

Up the lake's pebbled beach the reds billows are dashing,
The white breasted sea fowl are screaming in fear,
Crushing.

Start up the grim wolf in his dark mountain cave,
See you party of hunters, they must ride out advancing,
"Tis cold for the lake, its gay shores have have paled;
They laugh—on its silvery wave they are dancing,—
They sink—they depart all things mortal at last.

How sad grows my heart to see nature decaying,
In beauties grandeur she's robed in the west,
The tales in the flush when the sun is declining,
It lights up the clouds that may fade in a day.

O give me the winter, when Borean is swelling
His fiercest to give song to the black mountain's frown
For then I can feel the true spirit of nature,
And feel not the gloom that oppresses me now.

S. T. L.

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A FRAGMENT.

"Better take it little!"

"Stratham, you know we're going to visit the ladies would you better come with us or stay with yourself?

"Oh, all the better Nat; come, t'will relieve you of sensitive reflections, and flagging spirits, and put you in the complimenting humor.

"Well Stratham, take care that your flattery expose not its origin from the bowels of Chesterfield.

The brief converse took place between two city gents at a country hotel; they were just preparing for the eve with one of the first families of the place, which where Mr. Nat Bingle resided him, who well gained from the dinner room, and the two friends were soon seated in their parlor, where they were met by their morning acquaintance Miss Rosa Duval.

"Well Stratham, remarked the latter, this is Miss Duval formed of you, last evening."—"Oh my dear fellow, what can I have done this time, thought I to me?"

"Why they are pretty, agreeable, and beautiful sisters."

"Well I care not for an heiress, and as to their beauty, that is a matter of taste, and as to their agreeableness, with all their superficial attainments. By the way, Nat, I think you must promote me your Anne, when she is a little older."

"No, Stratham, not wh'e you would drink that beverage of life, home, friend Nathaniel, you would make of the Christian Temple, a mere Bacchanalian hall, and instead of the heavenly principle, Anti-Temperance as an infidel, even in mental compounding? I for my part am of your opinion, that a moderate enjoyment of wine is all is salient—the half time enough is to be given to it, and made happy with

"Not exactly to hear you make use of that hackneyed expression, but pray what kind of an old age do you look—days of business—don't bestow much consideration on such a person; I would like to have an agreeable lovely wife, and I would be a sort of good natured, healthy old fellow, enjoying myself as much as I could, however, I am at no loss that the time should arrive."

"Hem! Nat you would be content to enjoy even the life you have pictured? can you imagine, that while you continue in the course, you will ever find a lovely, amiable woman to please you, and if you do, can you suppose that after such expensive now, you will ever live to a healthy old age, and if you should, can you are wasting the most precious period of your life, and would gain a wife at the expense of your health and lose your respectability begins to decline. Oh Stratham, Stratham, I fear you will live, but not long, for I am in place, by your last night's campaign of brandy headed nonsense, but I hope, in faith, you are not elsewhere interested."

"Well friend Nat, I think I deserve to be praised for listening to your moralizing, and promise you that I and I may as well part for the present, when I get a little situated with pleasant friends, I will live, but not yet. But that, if I believe, as you term it, will you promise me your sister?"

"No friend, I will not promise to be redeemed when you are satisfied with the vanity of your pursuits; you know that true meaning of pleasure, you would seek an amiable woman, not for mutual happiness, but to render your old age pleasant, not for a companion to mourn the dreadful injuries of life, but sales her hand will go but with her heart, and forgive me dear Henry, but much I fear, that your heart would scorn such superficial professions as yours. I may willingly give my sister in one we wish whom I have been so intimate, cast himself away. I shall not forget you, Stratham, and were you as I once imagined you, a moderate man, I should not hesitate inviting to you my precious Anne, but her happiness is far dearer to me than this my own, and I fear you will do well to remember my words, and when next we meet, may it be under more favorable auspices for friendship."

He pressed his hand, and turned hastily away to check his emotion, and Stratham stood for some moments before he was sensible that he was alone. He felt what his friend had said, for he was a kind hearted youth.

"Faith," said he, Nat has always been my true friend and the best fellow in life, I believe him, and am half inclined to do as he says." but so strongly was he bound to the dissolute companions of fashionable pleasure, that he soon ceased to think of what had passed. To such persons he described his character either, would be derogatory to the spirit of the discourse, and difficult to portray the delineations that may be perceived without further description.

Stratham left the town, and mixed again in the crowd, thinking no more of the friend which was to the enticing vortex of destruction. Year after year passed; he thought of dear Nat, his friend, but was not quite ready in turn Quaker, there was time enough yet. At length that dissolute, fatal to all constitutions of strictly temperate habits, the Cholera, ravaged our land. Henry was a victim. We will pass over his suffering. Stratham received the sad intelligence of his departed friend, they were too poignant, too heart-rending to be witnessed.

He had never been him since that morn when he parted from him, at the hotel of his native village. He had often heard of him in the course of time, but when it was impossible to persuade him to retreat, till he should be convenient accommodation.

Many were the tears, which this noble hearted friend shed for the departure, company of the joys; and it was not weakness in him to weep. He had seen a youth of the brightest prospects, snatched to the illjudged pursuits of dissipation.

He dear Anne grew up lovely and admired, and she soon was sought by the accomplished. Her gentleness, to a noble, generous youth, with the entire opposition of her inexorable brother.

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GESTURES.

Children produce gestures from the cause of hands, and expressions of countenance. These are the language of nature; the first in time, and the most influential. This language is universal, and is addressed to mankind. There are words enough to express our thoughts and emotions; hence the language of gestures is unnecessary. Savages use the natural language. Having few words to express their feelings, they continue to use the language of childhood. Gestures are the natural expression, and the motions of the body, in a measure, suited to the ideas to be expressed. Words are signs of ideas and stand persons. In sayings is taught the language of gestures. It is universal. A man accosts another, and converses with one of a distant country. The two persons can converse with each other by a Chinese, a Hindoo or a Hottentot. With the assistance of gestures, they can understand each other.

Who will doubt the influence of gestures? Observe the joyful infant, as he runs with outstretched hands towards his mother. Observe the forgiving tear of the guilty, when detecting a person in a particular place. See the opposite hand of an individual in a warning posture. His gesture is made to collect your attention. Why? So will answer that can be collected hands as if agitated body, do not express agony of mind. Gestures have been, and changes of countenance strong meaning.

Though our language is rich in words, and fails not of expression, yet as senior cannot succeed well without the assistance than knowledge to recommend, and words to communicate. A powerful speaker does more than articulate, and say one wishing to become such, must regulate his gestures by the rules of art, and acquire what he has lost. He should be sensible gestures. Then let him acquire the habit of using them. In his countenance, frown neglect, cold and unmeaning. Let him keep it if he be subject to hardness. In supposed and mental lassitude, let him avoid listlessness. Oratorical negligence applied to this: *Regulated language of childhood, and fashionable manners.*

But in schools and colleges, how many fail in gaining the liberal manners and in the improvement [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

PHILADELPHIA
Saturday, Dec. 27, 1834.

BUSINESS.

It will be, I fear, weeks more than you published a notice of the fire at Vienna, N. Y., in which several of the Post boys lost their clothes, and we have not yet heard of their having received any relief. Let us hear of some of your printers, whether in or out of the city of Brotherly Love, who will respond to the call of their brother typo. Remember, that on the 1st of January, 1835, there will be a large amount of money to be paid to the Post Office Department, and we hope you will not be disappointed by the postmasters not calling for their papers. Let us hear from you in a few days ago, on presenting the subscriber's notes to the papers were addressed with their respective names, the postmasters would have received their papers regularly for two years ago, and since that time the amount of their papers would have been paid in full, and we have the postmaster that these papers were lying in the office, and that they had not been called for, and that he was not responsible for the amount due on such subscription.

The law as related to newspapers is very explicit, and no man is bound to take a paper from the office or direction of duty. Postmasters are required to give notice to the publishers, when papers are not taken out, and to state the reason why they are neglected; they are held responsible, by the law, for the payment of papers neglected.

Mr. Elwell will then give orders for the printing over to our agent the amount of those for which he may paid in advance, and will deposit in the hands of a magistrate for collection. We have been elected in this way so often, that we are determined to try the remedy of the law for our redress, and we have given warning that in every dismissal of a post master we are on the part of compromise, we shall secure the money without mercy.

The above explanation we have been induced to make upon the request of the late post master.

CHRISTMAS.

Thursday last, 25th inst., the anniversary of the birth of Christ was observed at Vienna, N. Y., in the usual manner, by most of the citizens of Philadelphia; and, we presume, by civilized nations generally, throughout the world. The Americans, as a people, have no love for holidays; in comparison with the festivities of Europe—Christmas, and the anniversary of our National Independence, being almost the only days to which general homage is voluntarily paid, by all classes of people.

To those whose actions and lives are governed by religious feelings, the anniversary of the advent of the Saviour, is naturally a day of rejoicing. They are reminded of the debt of gratitude they owe to the Great Architect of the world, upon whose kindness and mercies they are unceasingly dependent - they are reminded of the sacrifices of liberty, knowledge, and half—of the lessons of practical piety which have been placed before them—of their duty to their God, their neighbors and themselves. The influences which, properly imbued with the light of divine revelation, can regard these admonitions with indifference; and the Christian, as he bends his knee before the altar consecrated to Heaven, utters a heart-felt prayer of gratitude to an over-ruling Providence, for his watchful kindness. In an individual or collective capacity—in reference to the prosperity of our city, our beloved country, as well as the spread of liberty, knowledge, and truth, throughout the whole world, with what force, what eloquence, may the christian at this time exclaim—"The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

To our juvenile population, especially, is the arrival of the Christmas holidays a matter of interest. A relaxation from the severe discipline of the school, and as joyful, once in the luxuries of the season, are matters of vast moment in early life. The youthful mind is ardent—the heart, free from care and anxiety, is made happy with trifles—and the spirits overflow with the joy of innocence. Happy are the days of childhood—days of pleasure, unalloyed with the vexations of business—days of enjoyment, unrelished by the anxiousness which disgraces manhood and embitter life.

It is now, perhaps, too late, to greet our patrons with a "Merry Christmas," but certainly not too late to wish them all the felicities of the season, and health, and increased prosperity. They embrace, we know, esteem of all classes. We trust they are all happy and contented, the like with their purse—a wealth, and more of moderate income with their situation and prospects.

The stores in Chesnut, Market, Second, and several other streets, present a most brilliant appearance at the time, being filled with articles suitable for Christmas and New Year's presents. Many of these are no doubt doing a profitable business. The exchange of presents, at this season of the year, is a present custom, and one that tends, in a great degree, to promote kindness and good-feeling in society. Those who have a little money to expend in this way, should not forget the book-stores. The Messrs. Carey, Key & Biddle, Mr. Ash, and Mr. Perkins, have a large and general assortment of all kinds and descriptions of books, which, in nine cases out of ten, will constitute more acceptable presents than any others that may be purchased. At present from a gentlemen to a lady should be a book, and vice versa a book. Books are always appropriate gifts.

We have ourselves published a number of books, suitable for presents, which we should be happy to show our friends, who desire to purchase. Among these are,

THE CABINET for 1834, and previous years, handsomely bound, containing a great variety of beautiful engravings.

THE ROMANTIC HARTORIAN, an 18mo. filled with interesting tales and sketches.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE, two volumes, 18mo., containing a large quantity of select readings, anecdotes, poetry, &c., embellished with cuts.

The above, particularly the two last, will be sold very cheap.

Parents, and others, who are charged with the care of children, very frequently have it in their power to connect valuable instruction with juvenile amusements. All children are fond of pictures, and at this time of the season of the year, more indulgence in this way is granted than at any other time. We would therefore suggest, that in visiting places of amusement, a preference should be given to those in which books or useful information may be derived. Purdy, Welch & Co's Hall, in Fifth street, is one of these places, and there are others of similar character in the city. An inspection of remarkable objects belonging to the animal kingdom, is deeply interesting to children, and if connected with judicious remarks and explanations, a vivid impression will be left upon the mind. Purdy's collection, there are animals from all quarters of the globe, and several, it is presumed, that most of our citizens have never seen. A shilling can be very judiciously appropriated to that object.

THE GOLDEN FLEECE.

The exhibition of the diorama of Alsbiet, in Switzerland, Washington's passage of the Delaware, and the Cathedral of Upper-Wesel, on the Rhine, at the Washington Hall, are well deserving of attention. The passage of the Delaware, rendered extremely difficult by the ice, is also depicted, and floating ice, so beautifully represented, and the subsequent attack on the quarters of the British army, is strikingly effective. The cathedral, also depicted, is a splendid piece of architecture, Mr. Grunewald, enjoys a high reputation for skill in these matters.

UNCLE SAM AND THE BANKS.

Citizens who reside in the northern part of the city, will find in the Northern Liberty Museum, 298 North Second street. Many articles well deserving of curiosity are contained in the museum's collection, among a great variety of artificial and natural curiosities, handsomely and judiciously arranged. There is also a collection of Panoramas of the principal cities of the world, painted by an artist of merit. Views of Boston, Constantinople, represent ng St. Paul's Church, Westminster Abbey, views of Rome, scenery, &c. An evening may be spent very profitably in the Museum.

ON HOST TO-DAY.

A concussion of citizens of Western Pennsylvania, was held at Butler, on the 24th inst., for the purpose of devising means to insure the completion of the Pennsylvania Canal to the town of Erie. This high will, of course, open a direct communication between Philadelphia and Lake Erie. The family and Beaver Canal, which will connect the Ohio Basin Canal with Pittsburgh, will also open a communication with the Lakes. The latter was commenced on the 25th ult. The Beaver and Mahoning Canal is nearly or work which object is to unite the Ohio and Pennsylvania Canals, by a route nearly mid-way between the two already named.

The Legislature of Indiana, on the 24 instant, elected John H. Thompson to Judge of the Second Circuit; Wm. W. Wick, Judge of the Fifth Circuit; Morris Morris, Auditor of Public Accounts; and Nathan B. Palmer, Treasurer of the State.

North Carolina.—Governor Swain was inaugurated on the 10th inst, and made a long address to the Legislature, portions of which were adverse to some of the measures of General Jackson's Administration. Samuel F. Patterson, for many years principal clerk to the Senate of North Carolina, has been elected Secretary of that State, vice Mr. Moore, who died of a wound received in a duel with General Owens, of Wilkes county, has been elected principal clerk to the Senate, in the place of Gen. Patterson.

South Carolina.—There has been an amicable correspondence between the Union and State Rights parties of this state. The following letter from the Hon. Ted Cash hill, brought forward by the friends of State Rights, having been explained away to the entire satisfaction of the Union party, the result is a declaration of the Hon. Gerard McDuffie, by Governor, by an unanimous vote. This recount also is a matter of general rejoicing.

Michigan.—The Governor of this Territory has commenced a tour of visitation to the principal towns of the county, for the purpose of ascertaining, personally, the census just taken, from which it appears that the population is as follows:

Counties.	Population in 1834.	Population in 1830
Berrien,	1782	
Branch,	764	
Calhoun,	1367	
Cass,	2174	1349
Hillsdale,	597	
Jacks n,	1863	
Lenawee,	6939	1401
Macomb,	6004	2414
Monroe,	3515	3085
Oakland,	12967	4910
St. Clair,	2244	1114
St. Joseph	3166	2315
Washtenaw,	14924	4042
Wayne,	17993	6787
Total,	83,797	26,505,

Application has already been made for the admission of Michigan as a member of our federal Union, and the case remains among the unfinished business of the last session.

Connecticut.—The anti-masonic Convention, which met at Middleton on the 10th, nominated the following candidates:—For Governor, Hon. Samuel A. Foot; for Lieutenant Governor, John M. Holly; for Treasurer, Isaac Spencer; for Secretary, Thomas Day; for Comptroller, Nathaniel Smith, Ebenezer Jackson, Jr. Charles J. McCuddy, Alanson Hamlen, Ebenezer Young, and Phineas Miner.

Appended to the announcement of a "Grand Family Dress Ball," to be given in New York during the Christmas holidays, by a Mr. Gosling, we notice the following:—"No names or references will be given unless admitted." The necessity for such an announcement argues rather unfavorably for the character of Fancy Balls in New York.

The Sunday Fund.—By a report made to the Legislature by the commissioners of the School Fund of this state, it is estimated that the amount of the Fund in 1835, will be $863,106,14. It is believed that in 1841, it will have increased to $2,000,859,73—a sum sufficient to yield an income of $100,000.

A meeting of citizens of Wilmington, on the subject of a proposed rail-road from Wilmington to the Susquehanna river, was held on Saturday, the 13th inst. A report was presented and read, which, in reference to the practicability of the proposed route, states that it "may be made with facility from Wilmington to Elkton, North East, or Port Deposits: that there are no obstructions in the character of the country which present any considerable obstacle, and none by any means equal to those which have been met and overcome elsewhere, in the accomplishment of similar works."

A committee was appointed to collect funds to defray the expense of a survey of the route by a competent engineer.

John Neal, Esq. has been engaged as the senior editor of the Baltimore Federal Gazzey, one of the best weekly papers in the country.

THEATRICAL.

Chesnut Street Theatre.—Mademoiselle Celeste still occupies the boards of this house, and still continues to attract full houses. Her benefit on Saturday last, was a locality a bumper. The drama called *The Wizard Skiff*, in which Mademoiselle Celeste appears to advantage, has proved unusually successful. Her dancing is marvellous and skill in the dance, elicit general admiration.

Walnut Street Theatre.—This establishment opened for the season on Monday night. The decorations of the interior, particularly the arches in front of the boxes, are beautiful, and give the house a lively and handsome appearance. The new drop curtain is highly creditable to the artist. The house opened with the play of "Wild Oats, or the Strolling Gentlemen," which was well performed.

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PARODY.

Oh I love I have to compare him,
To what can be equaled the fact?
He's more than the rose that I wear in my hair,
And sweeter than candy, I'm sure.

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Perhaps to make number five
Of persons in any company,
He will not be found
In the circle around
The table of fortune's fateful lives,
But if it is merry and gay,
And there's anything going on,
He's sure to get his share.

They tell me he is happy now—
He has gone to the realms of rest—
But I don't, I don't regret,
For perhaps he may be happier there
Than he ever could be with me;
And I'll not repine
Or regret
That he has gone where he can be wise,
Or worse than I am yet.

V. L. S.

THOSE GOOD TRAVELLERS.—I remember College-life has had considerable merit as a "Jew Harp" by the mind of a small parcel of air. The bonnet does a good deal of business in the way of running round from a to z, and is on the top of the country roads, more than a match for the "Flying Dutchman" himself. The "Bill" is a very good traveller, and has been known to go from Dan to Beersheba without a change of horses, and "all the way back again." The "Pocket-book" is a great